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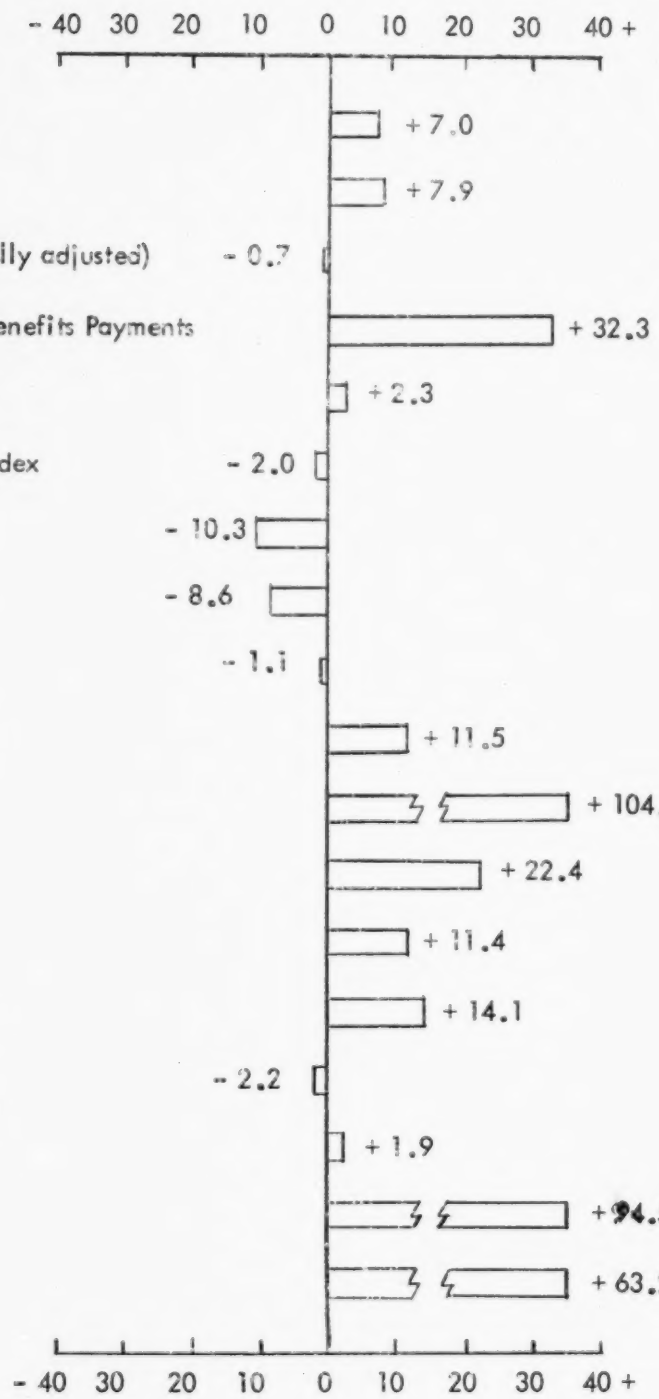
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
NEW BRUNSWICK

Percentage Change 68/67
(except GPP)

Period	Economic Indicator	
67/66	GPP Estimate	+ 7.0
Jan.-Feb.	Total Wages & Salaries	+ 7.9
Jan.-Feb.	Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)	- 0.7
Jan.-Feb.	Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments	+ 32.3
Jan.-Mar.	Manufacturing Shipments	+ 2.3
1Q./1Q.	Pulp & Paper Production Index	- 2.0
Jan.-Mar.	Pulpwood Production	- 10.3
Jan.-Mar.	Sawn Lumber Production	- 8.6
Jan.-Feb.	Coal Production	- 1.1
Jan.-Mar.	Net Electric Energy Used	+ 11.5
Jan.-Feb.	Building Permits	+ 104.9
Jan.-Apr.	Construction Contracts	+ 22.4
Jan.-Apr.	Retail Trade	+ 11.4
Jan.-Apr.	New Motor Vehicle Sales	+ 14.1
Jan.-Apr.	Port Traffic at Saint John	- 2.2
Jan.-Mar.	Cheques Cashed	+ 1.9
Jan.-Apr.	Fish Landings (Volume)	+ 94.5
Jan.-Apr.	Fish Landings (Value)	+ 63.2



THE NEW BRUNSWICK ECONOMY

SUMMARY

While the economy of New Brunswick tended to parallel the unpredictability of the Canadian economy, there were some optimistic signs in several sectors in the first four months of 1968. There were large increases in fishing and housing over the comparable period in 1967 and moderate increases in wages and salaries, electrical energy consumption and the value of retail trade. There were declines in pulpwood production for domestic use, lobster catches, sawn lumber, freight shipments, and port traffic. Most other sectors showed small gains or declines.

An estimate of the expected Gross Provincial Product for 1968 was not made for this report because sufficient data is not yet available. A projection will be made when final figures are available for the calculation of the revised 1967 GPP. Preliminary estimates show the 1968 GPP to be in the range of 6% to 7% higher than 1967. This indicates a slight slowdown in the rate of growth of economic activity relative to last year. Price increases will very probably form 3% to 4% of this growth.

Construction continues to be a major contributor to growth in New Brunswick. Building contracts awarded were up by more than 22% over the same period in 1967. The number of building permits issued was more than double the 1967 total for the period. The small increase (3.8%) in the number of housing starts in the early part of 1968 suggests that probably more residential building can be expected later in 1968. The level of housing construction is still low, as it was in 1967.

An increase in the volume and value of fish landings offset a repetition of last year's decline in the lobster catch. Fish landings volume went up by 95% over early 1967, and its value was up by 63%. The lobster catch has been declining steadily at a rapid rate over the last four years for this four month period.

Wages and salaries continue to gain at a faster rate than prices. The per cent increase was about the same as the per cent increase in the total value of goods and services produced (GPP). Unemployment is higher than it was in the first months of last year, but the number of people employed has also increased. This parallels the national situation.

Net electrical energy consumption continued to rise at about its normal rate, showing an increase of 11.5% over the same period in 1967. The number of telephones in

service and the value of long distance telephone calls placed in New Brunswick are both increasing at about their average rate. The number of telephones is up by 6.9%; long distance calls are up by 9.2%.

Retail trade showed an increase of 11.4% over the comparable period in 1967. This reflects a return to equilibrium after the increase in the Social Services and Education Tax (retail sales tax) in January of 1967.

Population increased by less than 1% in the year following April 1967. This is well below the Canadian rate of about 2%. Births were down 7.7% from last year, and deaths up by 7.2%.

Pulpwood production is still slow, with a decline of more than 10%. This situation is expected to continue into the near future. In the next few years the demand for newsprint is expected to increase and the trend in pulpwood production should reverse itself. There was a decline (-8.6%) from 1967 in the value of sawn lumber produced. This drop is about the same as the drop from 1966 to 1967 in the same period.

A slow decrease in port traffic and freight shipments continued in the first few months in 1968. Recent interest in the area's transportation problems may work to reverse this over the next few years. Port traffic was down 2.2% and railway freight unloaded was down 3.1%.

The Provincial economy continues to be influenced strongly by events outside its boundaries and by individual projects in the area. Recent events have created some concern nationally for the Atlantic Region, and the New Brunswick economy should benefit from this interest.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - Population
(thousands)

Month	1965*	1966	1967	1968
January		616,000	618,000	623,000
April		616,000	619,000	624,000
June		617,000	620,000	
July		617,000	621,000	
October		617,000	623,000	
% change (Apr./Apr.)			(+0.5)	(+0.8)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.
*Revised figures previous to 1966 are not yet available.

Table 2 - Marriages
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	188	273	362	258
February	239	175	215	174
March	163	209	167	249
April	282	281	365	294
May	386	415	416	
June	432	419	414	
July	753	703	952	
August	646	528	690	
September	530	712	797	
October	518	486	496	
November	372	556	387	
December	257	315	306	
Total	4,766	5,072	5,567	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+9.8)	(+7.6)	(+18.2)	(-12.1)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - Births
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	1,165	1,063	1,215	1,145
February	1,119	1,053	851	844
March	1,241	1,237	1,017	1,084
April	1,199	985	1,290	963
May	1,225	1,264	1,240	
June	1,245	1,022	969	
July	1,233	1,033	1,316	
August	1,264	1,008	943	
September	1,153	1,071	1,221	
October	1,168	1,079	917	
November	1,050	1,113	925	
December	1,113	879	882	
Total	14,175	12,807	12,786	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(-5.2)	(-8.2)	(+0.8)	(-7.7)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - Deaths
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	393	478	453	506
February	363	325	400	427
March	392	491	395	500
April	439	372	427	362
May	397	453	453	
June	369	368	363	
July	377	316	483	
August	414	333	367	
September	405	382	477	
October	417	384	402	
November	387	485	376	
December	357	466	408	
Total	4,710	4,853	5,004	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+2.6)	(+5.0)	(+0.5)	(+7.2)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - Total Wages and Salaries*
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	39.6	45.5	49.9	53.8
February	40.1	45.5	49.3	53.2
March	40.5	45.9	49.7	
April	39.5	46.9	49.2	
May	42.3	48.6	50.8	
June	44.2	51.7	54.9	
July	44.7	51.7	55.6	
August	45.8	50.9	56.1	
September	47.5	51.0	57.0	
October	46.6	51.3	56.6	
November	46.2	51.0	55.1	
December	44.6	49.8	53.7	
Total	521.6	589.8	637.9	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+8.3)	(+14.2)	(+9.0)	(+7.9)

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 6 - Average Weekly Wages and Salaries*
(dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	74.76	78.99	84.93	90.96
February	76.63	80.51	85.71	90.84
March	76.30	79.87	86.48	
April	74.99	80.93	86.28	
May	73.21	78.94	83.09	
June	72.57	78.71	84.43	
July	73.78	80.35	83.93	
August	73.26	72.40	84.23	
September	75.08	79.76	86.06	
October	76.13	79.77	86.59	
November	75.57	80.60	85.85	
December	74.85	80.30	85.68	
Average	74.76	79.26	85.27	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+5.4)	(+5.4)	(+7.0)	(+6.5)

Sources: D.B.S. 72-001 & 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 7 - Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)*
(1961 = 100)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	105.2	113.6	116.0	114.4
February	106.0	113.2	114.5	114.6
March	107.7	114.7	115.0	
April	108.2	119.0	116.5	
May	108.6	116.4	114.6	
June	109.2	117.5	115.9	
July	111.4	116.8	118.7	
August	111.1	114.9	118.4	
September	111.2	113.2	118.1	
October	111.5	113.9	117.9	
November	113.1	114.1	116.1	
December	111.9	115.5	116.0	
Average	109.7	115.2	116.5	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+1.8)	(+7.4)	(+1.6)	(-0.7)

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 8 - Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	2,197	2,041	2,114	2,775
February	2,524	2,630	2,420	3,225
March	3,528	2,858	3,120	
April	2,291	2,424	3,167	
May	1,989	1,736	2,243	
June	759	593	681	
July	446	554	593	
August	401	484	480	
September	391	486	422	
October	358	594	510	
November	541	668	616	
December	1,145	1,134	1,021	
Total	16,570	16,202	17,387	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+1.8)	(-1.1)	(-2.9)	(+32.3)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment*
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968
January	198	193	200	178	175	178	20	18	22	10.1	9.3	11.0
February	200	193	196	176	171	176	24	22	20	12.0	11.4	10.2
March	201	194	197	177	172	174	24	22	23	11.9	11.3	11.7
April	199	195	201	180	173	179	19	22	22	9.5	11.3	10.9
May	203	199	208	188	185	196	15	14	12	7.4	7.0	5.8
June	205	206		197	197		8	9		3.9	4.4	
July	213	217		204	208		9	9		4.2	4.1	
August	216	216		209	208		7	8		3.2	3.7	
September	205	210		197	203		8	7		3.9	3.3	
October	203	211		194	203		9	8		4.4	3.8	
November	201	208		192	196		9	12		4.5	5.8	
December	200	205		187	191		13	14		6.5	6.8	
Average	204	204		190	190		14	14		6.8	6.8	
% change (Jan.-May)	(+3.5)	(-2.7)	(+2.9)	(+6.1)	(-2.6)	(+3.1)	(-15.0)	(-3.9)	(+1.0)	(-18.3)	(-1.2)	(-1.4)

Source: D.B.S. 71.001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - Farm Cash Receipts From Farming Operations
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1964	1965	1966	1967
1st Quarter	8,755	15,459	13,884	11,508
2nd Quarter	12,880	17,073	14,522	11,146
3rd Quarter	10,086	12,190	11,837	13,951
4th Quarter	15,737	15,675	13,539	
Total	47,458	60,397	53,782	
% change (1Q-3Q.)	(+6.7)	(+41.0)	(-10.0)	(-9.0)

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 11 - Sources of Farm Cash Receipts
(thousand dollars)

	1964	1965	1966
(A) Field Crops			
Potatoes	15,377	25,788	16,441
Fruits	1,514	1,576	2,007
Vegetables	968	1,083	1,217
Oats	300	306	302
Other Crops*	1,003	1,380	1,069
Sub-total	19,162	30,133	21,036
(B) Livestock and Livestock Products			
Dairy Products	11,453	11,443	11,454
Cattle and Calves	6,514	7,315	7,931
Eggs	3,679	3,654	3,943
Hogs	2,851	3,093	3,445
Poultry	1,578	2,329	3,161
Sheep and Lambs	240	255	218
Other	422	495	497
Sub-total	26,737	28,584	30,649
(C) Forest and Maple Products	1,533	1,402	1,400

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.
*Receipts from the sale of tobacco are included with "other crops" because less than three firms reporting.

Table 12 - Pulpwood Production-Domestic Use
(thousand cunits)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	48.4	46.3	90.5	84.9
February	66.1	30.7	63.9	69.2
March	31.3	30.6	67.1	44.5
April	18.3	25.9	34.5	
May	62.4	26.5	51.7	
June	114.1	162.8	146.5	
July	144.3	150.7	217.8	
August	120.3	125.5	200.9	
September	140.3	140.8	167.2	
October	95.4	172.5	107.4	
November	84.5	131.8	149.9	
December	73.7	113.7	155.5	
Total	999.1	1,157.8	1,452.9	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	(-21.4)	(-26.2)	(+105.9)	(-10.3)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.

Table 13 - Coal Production
(thousand tons)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	78.5	80.2	78.7	70.9
February	78.6	73.4	57.2	63.5
March	82.4	72.5	76.3	
April	81.4	67.1	72.1	
May	81.6	69.1	64.4	
June	78.6	61.1	71.4	
July	74.4	66.2	67.8	
August	84.3	85.4	83.6	
September	86.1	90.0	70.7	
October	92.8	81.4	69.2	
November	89.3	80.4	65.0	
December	88.4	71.5	61.5	
Total	996.4	898.3	837.9	
Strip	853.1	752.8	716.5	
Shaft	143.2	145.7	121.2	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+1.6)	(-2.2)	(-11.5)	(-1.1)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 14 - Volume of Fish Landings
(thousand pounds)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	8,255	1,853	4,640	2,940
February	3,968	1,840	12,775	11,672
March	6,965	4,967	579	18,403
April	3,890	11,003	7,337	16,243
May	45,838	34,326	20,308	
June	34,917	35,235	32,423	
July	37,004	54,409	79,895	
August	46,931	46,130	56,070	
September	43,563	62,095	52,412	
October	33,567	49,610	29,792	
November	15,862	11,315	28,434	
December	10,077	33,455	30,796	
Total	290,837	346,238	355,461	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+26.4)	(-14.8)	(+28.8)	(+94.5)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.

Table 15 - Value of Fish Landings
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	233	98	149	100
February	165	119	279	259
March	183	139	25	327
April	164	317	178	344
May	1,501	1,227	843	
June	1,735	1,543	1,563	
July	1,103	1,702	2,394	
August	2,117	1,661	1,443	
September	1,298	1,740	1,487	
October	923	1,103	1,107	
November	683	733	780	
December	443	613	610	
Total	10,548	10,995	10,858	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+33.5)	(-9.7)	(-6.2)	(+63.2)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.

Table 16 - Volume of Lobster Catch*
(thousand pounds)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	33	19	21	7
February	11	6	4	5
March	12	4	2	1
April	37	40	14	10
May	1,233	1,148	713	
June	1,138	1,009	1,203	
July	95	434	611	
August	1,832	1,404	705	
September	802	977	907	
October	285	376	533	
November	382	444	282	
December	253	258	172	
Total	6,113	6,119	5,167	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(-30.1)	(-25.8)	(-40.6)	(-43.9)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

Table 17 - Value of Lobster Catch*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	30	18	16	7
February	12	6	4	6
March	13	4	2	1
April	31	28	14	9
May	720	618	445	
June	694	571	723	
July	59	238	371	
August	1,031	730	443	
September	457	511	588	
October	161	196	350	
November	335	332	227	
December	233	193	148	
Total	3,776	3,445	3,331	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(-12.2)	(-34.9)	(-35.7)	(-36.1)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 18 - Gross Value of Manufacturing Shipments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	34,344	37,727	41,396	42,961
February	35,240	38,214	39,437	42,102
March	43,794	40,813	44,112	42,800
April	41,909	39,726	42,258	
May	41,928	45,752	46,983	
June	49,389	50,867	50,870	
July	44,962	54,580	49,173	
August	46,796	50,548	49,187	
September	46,776	46,299	47,972	
October	43,741	44,182	48,265	
November	43,339	44,825	48,344	
December	41,509	44,206	43,225	
Total	513,727	537,739	551,222	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	(+2.1)	(+3.0)	(+7.0)	(+2.3)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001.

Table 19 - Pulp and Paper Production Index
(1953 Quarterly Average = 100)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	166.0	177.9	187.4	183.7
2nd Quarter	172.0	185.2	171.5	
3rd Quarter	166.3	182.9	177.3	
4th Quarter	175.7	190.7	188.4	
% change (1Q/1Q.)	(+23.3)	(+7.2)	(+5.3)	(-2.0)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 20 - Sawn Lumber Production
(million feet, board measure)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	18.3	18.4	15.4	20.1
February	19.3	20.6	21.3	13.2
March	21.8	22.6	23.5	21.7
April	15.8	15.3	20.2	
May	14.2	17.9	12.8	
June	22.1	26.7	22.0	
July	20.1	25.8	23.7	
August	21.9	27.0	24.2	
September	20.3	17.7	19.5	
October	21.7	21.7	20.9	
November	14.3	16.2	12.6	
December	24.7	17.9	17.5	
Total	234.5	247.8	233.6	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	(-41.3)	(+ 3.7)	(-2.3)	(-8.6)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 21 - Net Electric Energy Used*
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	238	258	290	311
February	226	236	230	296
March	247	258	300	307
April	231	246	271	
May	239	255	267	
June	233	248	243	
July	231	247	254	
August	235	261	266	
September	238	251	264	
October	260	286	291	
November	252	284	287	
December	254	296	305	
Total	2,884	3,126	3,268	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	(+26.3)	(+5.8)	(+9.0)	(+11.5)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.
*This series is based on a sample by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Thus the monthly values do not aggregate to the correct annual totals, which may be found in D.B.S. 57-202.

Table 22 - Net Electricity Provided by NBEPC For Consumption
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	176	206	246	267
February	187	186	226	246
March	190	200	241	253
April	184	187	227	243
May	177	199	225	
June	175	191	202	
July	172	196	213	
August	179	207	229	
September	183	207	215	
October	199	226	245	
November	191	230	239	
December	199	233	246	
Total	2,212	2,468	2,754	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(36.5)	(+5.7)	(+20.7)	(+7.3)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 23 - Long Distance Calls Originating in New Brunswick
(thousands)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	468	535	620	706
February	443	505	580	653
March	516	572	653	682
April	515	560	617	678
May	551	611	704	748
June	575	637	717	
July	614	668	753	
August	632	725	779	
September	583	660	718	
October	573	649	721	
November	574	641	697	
December	590	668	717	
Total	6,634	7,431	8,276	
% change (Jan.-May)	(+14.9)	(+11.6)	(+14.0)	(+9.2)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 24 - Telephones in Service
(thousands)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	162	174	185	196
February	163	175	187	197
March	163	175	187	198
April	165	176	188	199
May	166	178	188	201
June	167	179	190	
July	168	181	191	
August	169	181	192	
September	170	182	194	
October	171	183	195	
November	172	183	195	
December	173	184	195	
% change (May/May)	(+6.4)	(+7.2)	(+5.6)	(+6.9)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 25 - Construction Contracts Awarded*
(thousand dollars)

(A) Total

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	3,715	604	3,772	8,857
February	2,412	1,841	344	217
March	4,192	1,839	5,322	854
April	6,854	545	1,571	3,551
May	3,651	5,797	6,187	
June	10,775	7,809	7,601	
July	4,755	9,438	3,403	
August	6,000	1,382	7,605	
September	5,086	4,152	12,781	
October	2,841	6,583	6,854	
November	3,477	5,900	5,900	
December	1,944	2,737	3,468	
Total	55,702	48,627	64,808	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+146.0)	(-71.9)	(+128.0)	(+22.4)

(B) 1968 Breakdown

Month	Residential	Business	Industrial	Engineering	Institutional
January	990	1,439	-	2,809	3,620
February	38	24	100	-	50
March	164	243	-	-	447
April	1,228	1,230	-	287	907
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Total					
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+370.8)	(+51.7)	(-47.4)	(-19.2)	(+10.7)

Source: Southam Building Guide.
*Based mainly on a survey of large engineering projects.

Table 26 - Housing Starts and Houses Under Construction (All Areas)
(number)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
(A) Starts				
1st Quarter	88	258	174	172
2nd Quarter	1,044	853	875	
3rd Quarter	1,011	782	952	
4th Quarter	686	637	545	
Total	2,829	2,530	2,546	
% change (1Q./1Q.)	(-30.2)	(+193.2)	(-32.6)	(-1.1)
(B) Under Construction				
1st Quarter	1,215	1,312	997	1,035
2nd Quarter	1,810	1,355	1,375	
3rd Quarter	2,206	1,625	1,806	
4th Quarter	1,901	1,428	1,506	
Total	7,132	5,720	5,684	
% change (1Q./1Q.)	(+99.5)	(+8.0)	(-24.0)	(+3.8)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 27 - Building Permits Issued*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	1,146	713	1,004	2,098
February	1,894	1,541	436	853
March	5,028	4,937	1,483	
April	3,926	2,769	5,173	
May	3,826	8,819	6,630	
June	5,580	3,000	10,620	
July	29,738	4,239	5,941	
August	5,907	3,811	4,817	
September	5,814	5,937	4,996	
October	5,738	5,096	4,220	
November	2,832	2,041	7,622	
December	1,117	3,024	6,710	
Total	72,546	45,927	59,652	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+24.1)	(-25.9)	(-36.1)	(+104.9)

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.
*Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 28 - Value of Retail Trade
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	37,181	38,763	39,521	45,072
February	35,071	35,876	36,474	42,462
March	44,835	45,388	44,237	47,764
April	47,526	47,307	46,996	50,932
May	49,256	46,203	51,837	
June	48,747	47,487	52,996	
July	50,645	48,542	51,406	
August	43,119	43,529	45,751	
September	44,212	45,386	50,118	
October	49,196	49,505	50,536	
November	49,213	51,269	55,153	
December	59,622	64,805	62,583	
Total	558,623	564,060	587,608	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+9.9)	(+1.7)	(-0.1)	(+11.4)

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 29 - Consumer Price Index (Saint John)
(1949 = 100)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	135.5	137.8	143.0	147.7
February	135.6	138.7	143.3	147.9
March	135.9	138.8	143.5	148.3
April	136.1	139.7	144.0	148.8
May	136.4	139.8	143.9	149.3
June	137.6	140.8	144.4	
July	138.0	140.9	144.6	
August	137.8	141.8	145.9	
September	137.5	141.9	145.7	
October	137.1	141.7	145.7	
November	137.6	141.5	145.7	
December	138.2	141.8	146.6	
Average Index	136.9	140.4	144.7	
% change (May/May)	(+1.5)	(+2.5)	(+2.9)	(+3.8)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 30 - Cheques Cashed in Clearing Houses
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	289.4	340.3	410.3	412.2
February	290.7	316.6	364.2	374.3
March	317.2	342.9	400.7	411.0
April	324.6	372.9	446.2	
May	320.2	383.3	424.0	
June	315.5	395.6	407.4	
July	325.9	358.4	400.0	
August	352.3	376.4	451.1	
September	348.9	359.4	387.2	
October	308.0	355.4	419.9	
November	337.9	383.1	444.8	
December	345.8	398.4	381.8	
Total	3,876.4	4,382.7	4,937.6	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	(+20.1)	(+11.4)	(+17.5)	(+1.9)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

Table 31 - Number of New Motor Vehicle Sales*

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
(A) All Vehicles				
January	1,233	1,649	1,284	1,307
February	1,494	1,684	1,044	1,441
March	2,101	2,958	1,790	2,146
April	2,689	2,528	1,975	2,061
May	2,561	2,180	2,506	
June	2,581	1,940	2,293	
July	1,830	1,717	1,569	
August	1,924	1,593	1,612	
September	1,148	1,119	1,252	
October	1,762	1,850	1,602	
November	1,637	1,657	1,588	
December	1,701	2,307	1,319	
Total	22,661	23,182	19,834	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+12.5)	(+17.3)	(-30.9)	(+14.1)

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Table 31 - (Continued)*

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
(B) Passenger Vehicles				
January	997	1,338	1,047	1,022
February	1,218	1,424	809	1,172
March	1,781	2,563	1,514	1,794
April	2,320	2,103	1,680	1,764
May	2,183	1,814	2,121	
June	2,108	1,600	1,904	
July	1,477	1,459	1,249	
August	1,601	1,299	1,251	
September	959	947	978	
October	1,503	1,574	1,277	
November	1,323	1,426	1,299	
December	1,406	1,897	1,040	
Total	18,876	19,444	16,169	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+13.9)	(+17.6)	(-32.0)	(+13.9)
(C) Commercial Vehicles				
January	236	311	237	285
February	276	260	235	269
March	320	395	276	352
April	369	425	295	297
May	378	366	385	
June	473	340	389	
July	353	258	320	
August	323	294	361	
September	189	172	274	
October	259	276	325	
November	314	231	289	
December	295	410	278	
Total	3,785	3,738	3,664	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(+5.4)	(+15.8)	(-25.0)	(+15.3)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

*Data on Value of Motor Vehicle Sales for 1967 are being computed on a new base and are no longer comparable with pre- 1967 data. Therefore, only the Number of Motor Vehicles are shown.

Table 32 - Life Insurance Sales
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	8.6	8.9	11.0	10.5
February	12.1	13.3	12.7	15.2
March	12.5	12.2	12.4	
April	11.7	12.3	13.1	
May	12.7	13.1	13.3	
June	13.0	12.6	14.9	
July	11.0	11.4	11.5	
August	10.9	11.6	12.0	
September	11.3	13.0	12.2	
October	12.7	14.4	14.8	
November	14.5	14.2	17.2	
December	11.5	13.7	14.6	
Total	142.5	150.7	159.7	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	(+24.0)	(+7.2)	(+6.8)	(+8.4)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

Table 33 - Total Tourist Car Entries
(number)

Month	1964	1965	1966	1967
June	115,888	116,575	131,007	136,292
July	202,222	224,946	258,266	259,452
August	202,413	206,663	232,829	231,384
September	129,048	130,300	141,107	146,137
Total	649,571	678,484	763,209	773,265
% change (June-Sept.)		(+4.5)	(+12.5)	(+1.3)

Source: New Brunswick Travel Bureau.

Table 34 - Railway Freight Loaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1964	1965	1966	1967
1st Quarter	1,194.0	1,300.8	1,144.2	1,324.8
2nd Quarter	1,210.0	1,227.0	1,239.5	1,213.5
3rd Quarter	1,040.5	955.0	1,147.6	1,072.0
4th Quarter	1,096.0	1,079.3	1,234.8	1,154.5
Total	4,540.5	4,562.1	4,766.1	4,764.8
% change Annual	(+16.6)	(+0.5)	(+4.5)	(0.0)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - Railway Freight Unloaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1964	1965	1966	1967
1st Quarter	1,699.6	1,771.7	1,763.0	1,807.2
2nd Quarter	1,271.1	1,483.4	1,331.1	1,292.3
3rd Quarter	973.9	1,018.2	1,137.2	1,051.3
4th Quarter	1,072.0	1,173.3	1,271.3	1,180.7
Total	5,016.6	5,446.6	5,502.6	5,331.5
% change				
Annual	(+23.2)	(+8.6)	(+1.0)	(-3.1)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 36 - Total Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	725.2	723.5	813.6	694.5
February	738.8	730.8	550.3	585.6
March	749.4	825.2	828.2	769.5
April	425.3	462.9	444.1	528.8
May	357.4	448.7	386.8	
June	504.7	433.4	394.3	
July	394.0	459.4	367.9	
August	416.2	473.6	400.7	
September	382.9	447.7	316.0	
October	432.9	329.7	441.1	
November	441.8	542.5	458.8	
December	546.4	591.2	503.6	
Total	6,115.0	6,468.6	5,905.4	
% change				
(Jan.-Apr.)	(-5.1)	(+3.9)	(-3.9)	(-2.2)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 37 - Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
	1966	1967	% Change	1966	1967	% Change
January	337.6	425.2	+25.9	476.0	269.3	- 43.4
February	219.1	236.0	+ 7.7	331.2	349.6	+ 5.6
March	378.4	439.1	+16.0	449.8	330.4	- 26.5
April	278.7	278.0	- 0.3	165.4	250.8	+ 51.6
May	251.6			135.2		
June	238.2			156.2		
July	220.6			147.3		
August	285.0			115.7		
September	230.2			85.8		
October	336.4			104.7		
November	300.5			158.3		
December	278.7			224.8		
Total	3,355.0			2,550.4		
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	(-4.0)	(+13.6)		(-3.8)	(-15.6)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.